

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

Atsushi YAMAGUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1775

Application No.: 09/942,678

Examiner: Nick Uhlir

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Docket No.: 110533

For: COBALT-NICKEL-IRON ALLOY THIN FILM AND METHOD OF FORMING  
THE SAME, AND THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

**CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION**

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Sir:

A telephone requirement for restriction was made in connection with the above-identified patent application on February 24, 2003.

The undersigned confirms that in response to that telephone requirement, a provisional election was made on March 3, 2003 to prosecute Group I, claims 1 and 5.

Said provisional election was specifically made with traverse since no basis therefor has been set forth in the written record.

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